



ST. PAUL'S PARISH BULLETIN

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March 9th to March 15th, 2025



First Sunday of Lent, Cycle C

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses describes the offering of praise for God's deliverance of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 91

A prayer for God's protection

Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

Paul teaches that we are saved by faith.

Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

In the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels, after his baptism, Jesus is reported to have spent forty days in the desert, fasting and praying. In Luke and in Matthew, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger, he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him, and he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test. In each case, Jesus resists, citing words from Scripture to rebuke the devil's temptation.

Each temptation that Jesus faces offers insight into the spirituality we hope to develop as we keep the forty days of the Season of Lent. We can trust God to provide for our material needs. We worship God because God alone has dominion over us and our world. We can trust God to be faithful to his promises. Jesus' rejection of the devil's temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the Word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil by his confidence in God's protection and faithfulness.

This Gospel highlights for us one of the central themes of the Season of Lent. We are dependent upon God for all that we have and all that we are. Anything that leads us to reject this dependency or to distrust its sufficiency, is a temptation from the devil.

Luke ends his report of Jesus' temptation in the desert by noting that the devil departs for a time. The implication is that the devil will return. Jesus knows that he will be tempted again in the Garden of Gethsemane. The depth of Jesus' trust in God is shown most fully when Jesus rejects the temptation to turn away from the task God has given to him. Jesus' final rebuke of the devil is his sacrifice on the Cross.

Jesus' responses to the temptations of the devil teach us how we can respond to temptation. As we start our journey through Lent, this Sunday's Gospel calls us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice, God's promise of protection can be trusted, and God alone is God.

Sunday Connection thru Diocese Bulletin

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday from 9:00am to Noon

St Paul's Catholic Church Events & News

TIA per month to meet goal - \$2 646.58

Income for JAN – 42 011.11

Monthly: CF Loan (mortgage) - \$11 411.00

Expenses for JAN – 40 574.09

Monthly: Diocesan Support \$4 594.00

Income – 1 437.02

Insurance per month - \$3 424.69

Full finances can be found online and, in the hallway, under the parish bulletin board.

CWL Please support CWL Purdy's fundraiser. Click on the link below to place your order.-

<https://fundraising.purdys.com/2110110-126232>

Order deadline: Mar 23rd,2025. Order pickup: April 5th, 2025.

Lenten Charity the Cross-Our Being in Christ, Retreat on Thursday March 12,2025 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre. Begins with supper followed by the program. Cost is \$35 which can be paid at the retreat center. End around 8:30pm and should be back in Airdrie by 9pm. Please contact Cathy Buchanan @ 403-861-5383 or Elaine Wiedemann @ 587-582-0325 if you need a ride.

KofC

Congratulations to our latest winners:

\$2500 Dream vacation Winner is

138 Ferdinand Rombano

\$120 winners are:

45 Hollen Sheldrake # 223 Danielle Keim Balderson

458 Tim Harrison # 518 Dwayne Hamson

Volunteers needed to lead the Rosary prior to all weekend Masses. Signup sheet outside the office. Requesting donations of small metal bells.

Need the Anointing of the Sick while in a Calgary Hospital?

If you have been admitted to any of Calgary's hospitals and would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, you can contact your parish priest or call the Diocese of Calgary Call Centre at **403-231-9505**.

This service is available for Alberta Children's Hospital, Foothills Hospital, Peter Lougheed Hospital, Rockyview General Hospital, and South Health Campus.

Japanese interpreter for an RCIA catechumen needed. Attendance at the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies and the Easter Vigil. Does not have to attend weekly meetings. Please contact: cpetek@shaw

DAY	DATE	TIME	Mass Intentions
Sunday	Mar 9	9:00am	SI - Maria & Tyrone Figredo
		11:00am	PRO POPULO
Monday	10		No Mass
Tuesday	11	12:00noon	SI - Pope Francis
Wednesday	12	9:00am	RS - Christian & Maude Schmelzle & Family
Thursday	13	6:30pm	SI - Lien & family
Friday	14	9:00am	SI - Fillion Grandkids
Fri-Seniors home		10:30am	RS - Elisa Restrepo
Saturday	15	5:00pm	RS - Theresa & Ernest Boire

DAY	DATE	TIME	PARISH ACTIVITY	LOCATION
Sunday	Mar 9	8:20 to 8:45am	9am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
		10:15 to 10:45am	11am Choir Practice	S.H.C.
Monday	10	9:15am	Rosary Group	S.H.C.
		9:30 to 11:30pm	Office	VoMR
		7:00pm	CWL	Hall
Tuesday	11	9:00am	Men's Bible Study followed by Coffee	VoMR & Hall
		10:00 to 11:45am	Mom's Group - CANCELLED	Basement
		10:45am	Rosary Group	Nave
		6:30pm	Confirmation session #3	Nave/Hall
Wednesday	12	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		9:00am	OLQP joining us for Mass	Nave
		6:30 to 8:00pm	First Holy Communion session #5	Nave/Hall
Thursday	13	9:15am	Rosary Group	Nave
		7:00pm	RCIA	VoMR
Friday	14	8:25am	Rosary Group	Nave
		5:30pm	Friday Lenten soup and bun	Hall
		7:00pm	Friday Stations of the Cross	Nave
Saturday	15	10:00 to 11:30am	First Holy Communion session #5	Nave/Hall
		3:45 to 4:45pm	Reconciliation	
		4:10 to 4:45pm	5pm Choir Practice	S.H.C.

St Paul's Catholic Church Ministries & Sacraments



BAPTISMS – Registration and program details are currently available and done online only through our parish website

[Sacrament of Baptism for Infants/Children/Youth – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

2025 Baptism Dates:

Saturday, May 17th, Jun 7th, Jul 5th, Aug 16th, Sep 13th after 5pm Mass

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST (EUCHARIST) COMMUNION

[Sacrament of First Reconciliation & First Eucharist – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#) Mar 12, 6:30pm OR Mar 15, 10am

CONFIRMATION CLOSED

[Sacrament of Confirmation – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

Classes Mar 11th. Apr 1st from 6:30 to 8:00pm

Retreat April 5th from 10:00 to 12:00noon.

Confirmation rehearsal date May 13th at 6:30pm in the Nave.

Confirmation date May 22nd at 7:00pm

Parents are required to attend with their young person to classes which start in January.

RCIA – For more information please contact the parish office and the RCIA Coordinator will contact you with details and information on this ongoing program. Sessions start Sep 5th at 7:00pm in the hall.

[Becoming Catholic as an Adult – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation or RCIA please contact Heidi at stpaulssacraments@shaw.ca

MARRIAGES – Please contact the office at least six months before your marriage date.

[Marriage – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

If you have any questions or concerns regarding marriages, please contact Wanda at stpaulsairdrie@shaw.ca

HOLY ORDERS

[Holy Orders – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

[Anointing of the Sick – St. Paul's Catholic Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](#)

PASTORAL CARE St. Paul's offers Pastoral Care visits for Catholic Parishioners who are unable to attend Mass. Please contact the office if you or someone you know, would like a visit. Pastoral Care workers are trained for visiting and praying with the ill, shut in and offering the Body of Christ to them.



Mar 9, 2025 - Daylight Saving Time Starts

Sunday, March 9, 2025

2:00am clocks

are turned forward

1 hour to

Sunday, March 9, 2025,

3:00 am local daylight time.

Entering the Season of Lent

At the very heart of the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord Jesus preached three indispensable practices of the spiritual life: Almsgiving, Prayer, and Fasting (Matthew 6:1-18). This Lent, rededicate yourself to even one of these central disciplines, to strengthen your relationship with God.

A holy Lent begins with a heart open to change. Find tools to deepen your faith with scripture, the sacraments, and spiritual practices. Access resources to guide your Lenten journey in hope through prayer, reflection, and renewal.

Visit catholicyyca.ca/Lent

**St. Paul's Friday Lenten Soup & Bun
March 14th at 5:30pm in the parish hall**

**St. Paul's Friday Stations of the Cross
March 14th at 7:00pm in the Nave**



The Holy See Press Office reported on Tuesday evening that Pope Francis remains stable as he receives treatment at Rome's Gemelli Hospital. *"The Pope did not run a fever, and he remained alert, cooperative with therapies, and oriented."*

[Latest from Vatican News on Pope's condition](#)

[Watch video message](#)

FORTY CANS FOR LENT-FOOD FOR FAMILIES

40 Cans for Lent, Food for Families program of the Knights of Columbus will begin on March 9th and continue for the next five Sundays. **The Airdrie Food Bank is currently feeding between 700 and 800 families per week.** You can contribute by bringing food items to the weekend masses and placing in the bins provided, purchase store card gift cards, provide a monetary donation or donate online at the link below. The Catholic schools are faithful supporters of this project.

Sheets are available that describe the needs of the food bank. Envelopes are also available to pass in your monetary donation. We thank you for your support.

<https://www.airdriefoodbank.com/donatefunds>

Airdrie Dream Vacation

Tickets for the Airdrie Dream Vacation fundraiser sponsored by the Knights of Columbus can be purchased at the store card table after weekend masses and online airdriedreamvacation.ca

First draw is April 6th.

SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR CURRENT PARISH INFORMATION www.stpaulsairdrie.ca

St. Paul's Catholic Church Information

MASS REGULAR TIMES:

Sunday - 9:00 am
Sunday - 11:00 am
Monday - No Mass
Tuesday - 12:00 pm
Wednesday - 9:00 am
Thursday - 6:30pm
Friday - 9:00 am
Saturday - 5:00 pm

ADORATION:

First Friday of the month
Following the 9:00am Mass
9:30am to 5:30pm

RECONCILIATION:

Thursdays 6:00 - 6:25pm
Saturdays 3:45 - 4:45 pm
First Friday of month 9:30 - 10:30
or by appointment.

*New to Airdrie and
to our parish community,
please fill in our Welcome Form
found in the hallway or go to link
[Newcomers - St. Paul's Catholic
Church \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://Newcomers - St. Paul's Catholic Church (stpaulsairdrie.ca))*

*St. Paul's offers
a Direct Deposit or Credit Card
option for making donations. Tax Receipt
provided in February. Please pick up a
brochure in the parish hallway or go to link
[2020 09 revised BLANK Parish Automatic
Withdrawal.pdf \(stpaulsairdrie.ca\)](http://2020 09 revised BLANK Parish Automatic Withdrawal.pdf (stpaulsairdrie.ca))*



For one-time offerings you may also go to
<https://www.catholicyc.ca/donatetoparish>
and select St. Paul's Church.
Tax receipt will be issued from the Diocese.

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Faithfully
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FORMED.org resources that will
immerse you in testimonies, teachings,
and stories to support and deepen your
commitment to the
Diocese of Calgary's Pastoral Renewal.
[Click here for the full list](#)

Catholic Pastoral Centre

120 - 17th Ave SW, Calgary, AB
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Phone: 403-218-5500
www.catholicyc.ca



Catholic Women's League

For more information,
please see their website
[St. Paul's CWL, Airdrie
\(stpaulscwl.ca\)](http://St. Paul's CWL, Airdrie (stpaulscwl.ca))



Knights of Columbus

For information, please see their website
[Airdrie Council #8045 \(uknight.org\)](http://Airdrie Council #8045 (uknight.org))
Store cards are available
after all weekend Masses.

**TO LIVESTREAM SATURDAY 5:00 PM MASS SEE OUR
YOUTUBE CHANNEL <https://www.youtube.com/c/stpaulsairdrie>
OR CHANNEL 877 WITH TELUS OPTIK TV**